

SJR 287
STUDY THE INCIDENCE RATES, CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE A
COST ANALYSIS OF OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS IN
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

STUDY OVERVIEW

Study Mandate

- Determine the number of children receiving services in out-of-state residential treatment centers in lieu of being served in the Commonwealth;
- Determine the reasons these children are being placed out of the Commonwealth, as well as the cost; and
- Assess if there is service ability in the Commonwealth to serve these children.

Issues

- Number of troubled or at-risk youth being placed out-of-state for service needs
 - Service capacity/availability in-state
 - Weakening family relationships
 - Diminishing supportive ties
 - Family preference
- Conditions for which youth is placed out-of-state for residential treatment
 - Services not available at in-state residential treatment facilities
 - Out-of-state residential services may actually be closer for the child and the family
- Fiscal impact for youth to receive services at out-of-state residential facilities
 - Increases the cost of providing services to youth compared to the cost of providing services within their community or the Commonwealth
 - Increase depletion of state funds for the CSA

Study Activities

- Identify data sources regarding out-of-state placements.
- Review the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children to ascertain if there is adequate documentation regarding out-of-state placements.
- Meet with state agencies that place children to ascertain affected population.
- Meet with other child-serving local agencies to determine frequency of out-of-state placements
 - Comprehensive Services Act Coordinators
 - Social Services Case Workers
 - Community Services Boards Representatives
 - Juvenile Justice Professionals

- Compile a data collection instrument to review the use of out-of-state residential facilities (if data is not otherwise available)
 - Number of children who are placed in out-of-state residential facilities
 - Services recommended for the youth placed out-of-state
- Compile a description of services provided in out-of-state facilities that are not available within the Commonwealth.
- Cost analysis of out-of-state placements
 - Determine which funding streams are being used to pay for out-of-state placements along with a breakdown of those funding sources
- Assess unmet needs
 - Determine system and case factors responsible for unmet needs
- Development of recommendations
 - Legislative/policy changes
 - Budget recommendations
- Present Findings.
- Write Report.

SJR 287 Tentative Timeline

	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Identify data sources	➡	➡	➡						
Review Interstate Compact	➡	➡	➡						
Meet with state agencies			➡	➡	➡	➡			
Meet with other child-serving local agencies			➡	➡	➡	➡			
Compile a data collection and review on the use of out-of-state residential facilities				➡	➡	➡			
Compile a description of services provided in out-of-state facilities					➡	➡	➡		
Cost analysis of out-of-state placements					➡	➡	➡	➡	
Assess unmet needs						➡	➡		
Development of recommendations						➡	➡	➡	
Present Finding to COY								➡	➡
Write Report								➡	➡